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Docket No.: C37584/130070

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
J. SHAFFER *et al.*)
) Examiner: Chester T. Barry
Serial No.: 10/043,056)
) Group Art Unit: 1724
Filed: January 8, 2002)
For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BIOLOGICAL
TREATMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2002, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing with an executed certificate of mailing on or before January 24, 2003. 37 CFR § 1.8.

It is not believed that this response occasions any fee, but should there be any fee, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

As requested by the Examiner at page 4 of the Office action, to address and correct various objections to the specification as filed, editorial and grammatical